

**EL DORADO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SHERIFF JOHN D'AGOSTINI**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Administrative Officer, Don Ashton
FROM: Chief Fiscal Officer, Sheriff's Office, Jon DeVille
SUBJECT: FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) CALDOR FIRE
DATE: July 22, 2022



UPDATE SUMMARY

With the close of fiscal year 2021-2022 County Departments have begun to more fully grasp the financial impact the Caldor Fire will have on the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. County staff has been working closely with CalOES and FEMA to expedite the reimbursement process. The following provides an overview of the County's financial position in terms of expenses and reimbursements as we know it at this time.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022 COSTS

As of June 30, 2022, the County has had approximately \$5,650,000 in actual costs with most being tied to the initial emergency response from the Sheriff's Office (approximately \$2,800,000), Health and Human Services Agency (approximately \$500,000) and the Probation Department (approximately \$300,000). These costs account for staff time during the incident and services and supplies to ensure both staff and community members were safe during the Caldor Fire. It should be noted the majority of non-reimbursable costs come from these costs since straight time is not typically eligible for reimbursement. Overall, there is approximately \$1,500,000 from FEMA's Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) work that will not be reimbursed.

The remaining FY 2021-2022 costs are associated with debris removal, repairs to permanent structures, and equipment replacement. Many of these costs are close to being fully realized. However, some costs, such as those associated with Hazardous Tree Removal, the Cosumnes Mine

Bridge, and Private Property Debris Removal (PPDR) Road Damage will have most of the expenses incurred in FY 2022-2023.

ESTIMATED TOTAL COSTS AND REIMBURSEMENT

Based on actual known costs and anticipated contracts, we estimate the total cost related to the Caldor Fire will be approximately \$22,000,000. This number is considerably less than first estimated due largely to the Hazardous Tree Removal project cost being closer to \$5M than the expected \$23M. Just as with the Hazardous Tree Removal Projects, final costs could fluctuate and either increase or decrease as projects move toward completion. Such changes will be provided in the monthly report from the Finance Section of the Recovery Operations Center. However, if all costs stay as expected and are deemed allowable by FEMA, the reimbursement is projected to be approximately \$18,740,000 of the anticipated \$22,000,000.

GENERAL FUND SET ASIDE

As stated above, reimbursement is expected to be approximately \$18,740,000 of the \$22,000,000 estimated costs, therefore the difference of roughly \$3,260,000 will be the actual burden on the County. Of this \$3,260,000, some departments have been able to absorb the non-reimbursable costs in their operating budgets in fiscal year 2021-2022 (approximately \$1.63M), but other departments will need to have funds transferred from either the General Fund Caldor Fire Set-Aside account or as directed by the Board of Supervisors to offset these unexpected expenses. The remaining approximately \$1.63M may need to be transferred to offset unbudgeted costs. It is possible for the County share to decrease; departments that utilized donated resources (volunteers, equipment, supplies, etc.) to assist with their Caldor Fire response can capture the fair value of these resources and apply them to the County match. Conservatively, departments are estimating approximately \$20,000 in donated resources. As further information is gathered, this number will be updated.

OBLIGATION STATUS

To date, one project has been obligated and payment has been received. The County had a John Deere Loader that was destroyed during the fire and FEMA compensated \$9,000 of the \$10,000 deductible, with the remainder of the cost share coming from CalOES. Information related to the Category A (Debris Removal) and Category B (Emergency Protective Measures) projects has been submitted to FEMA and is pending review and staff is providing additional information requested by FEMA so that additional projects can be obligated. Other projects are awaiting final contract information or estimates and once this information is received and submitted it is expected those

projects will be obligated. Once a project is obligated, the County can begin requesting reimbursement for work that has already been completed.

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Communication between County staff, CalOES, and FEMA is regularly ongoing with updates to eligibility questions, project categorization, and overall changes to the anticipated financial burden placed on the County. At present, the main outstanding matter is the eligibility of components of the Private Property Debris Removal project. It is unknown how much money FEMA will obligate for the PPDR project to include parts of the debris removal processes and degree of road damages. Due to the status of the roads, the Department of Transportation needs to move quickly to repair Caldor-damaged roads to be able to plow them during the upcoming snow season. The Department of Transportation will request the Board's direction on options for funding these repairs if FEMA does not obligate the project in a timely manner.

CONCLUSION

Extensive progress has been made in determining the most accurate cost and reimbursement estimates possible. As actual costs continue to be realized it will be easier to anticipate the County share and present that information on an ongoing basis. The Board will continue to be apprised monthly with any additional information received and further progress made toward reimbursement.

EDC DEPT	Category	Damage Inventory Name	Actual Costs Through June 30, 2022	Total Estimated Project costs	Estimated Reimbursement from FEMA and CDAA	Total Estimated County Match plus Non-Billable Costs	Estimated Money Needed from General Fund Set-Aside	Obligated
DOT	A	Countywide Debris	\$ 173,233	\$ 173,233	\$ 119,706	\$ 53,527	\$ 53,527	No
DOT	A	Hazardous Tree Removal	181,929	5,000,000	4,280,931	719,069	719,069	No
EDSO	B	Sheriff's Office Emergency Response	2,821,290	2,822,005	1,711,930	1,110,075	-	No
DOT	B	County Wide Emergency Protective Measures (DOT only)	123,893	123,893	29,147	94,746	94,746	No
CAO	B	CAO, Emergency Preparedness Department	167,748	167,748	144,200	23,548	23,548	No
Multiple	B	County Wide MOUs	-	4,738,911	4,616,884	122,027	-	No
Probation	B	Probation Evacuation and Youth Sheltering	305,155	305,155	49,681	255,474	-	No
DA	B	District Attorney Assisting with Evacuations	170,846	170,846	15,125	155,721	-	No
DOT	C	Sign Replacements	16,533	125,000	97,425	27,575	27,575	No
DOT	C	Cosumnes Mine Bridge	44,165	1,423,000	1,277,242	145,758	145,758	No
DOT	C	MBGR (Guardrail)	3,516	107,000	95,964	11,036	11,036	No
DOT	C	Grizzly Flats Culvert	23,407	23,407	14,640	8,767	8,767	No
DOT	C	Cosumnes Mine Road Culvert	10,971	10,971	6,061	4,910	4,910	No
DOT	C	PPDR Road Damage	104,547	5,000,000	4,627,688	372,313	372,313	No
DOT	E	Equipment - John Deere Loader	10,671	10,671	9,743	929	929	Yes
P&B	A	Building & Planning Debris Process (inspections only)	104,601	104,601	101,908	2,693	-	No
EM/Surveyor	A	Right of Entry, Insurance and Parcel Research	228,338	291,338	283,836	7,502	7,502	No
EM	A	Abatement	6,615	18,312	17,840	472	472	No
HHS	B	Sheltering: Exhibition/Livestock Animals - HHS Animal Services Officers	507,162	507,162	464,875	42,287	42,287	No
Multiple	B	Donated Resources	-	-	20,000	-	-	No
DOT	Z	DOT Cat Z	163,316	326,633	212,148	114,485	114,485	No
CAO	Z	CAO Cat Z	271,950	271,950	264,947	7,003	-	No
CDFA	Z	CDFA Cat Z	65,033	145,832	142,077	3,755	-	No
EM	Z	EM Cat Z	36,246	36,246	35,313	933	933	No
P&B	Z	P&B Cat Z	102,549	102,549	99,908	2,641	-	No
			\$ 5,643,715	\$ 22,006,463	\$ 18,739,217	\$ 3,287,246	\$ 1,627,857	